

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 6, first paragraph please amend as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority from provisional application no. 60/044,372 filed April 28, 1997 and PCT Application No. PCT/US098/08407, filed April 27, 1998.

At page 25, lines 16-18, fourth paragraph, replace the following paragraph as follows:

d. Read in text files from suppliers, with SIC code, ~~[WHAT IS SIC?]~~ map those SIC codes into internal commodity codes, and then add the relevant items into the Product Information Database.